

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

June 21, 2000

**The Honorable Jesse Ventura
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155**

Dear Governor Ventura:

On behalf of my constituents in the flood-impacted communities of the 7th Congressional District, I ask that you use your authority and request from the President of the United States an Official Presidential Declaration of Disaster for Clay County, Becker County, Norman County and Mahnomen County.

I also ask that you request an Agricultural Disaster Declaration for Clay County, Becker County, Norman County, Polk County, Mahnomen County, and any other counties in northwestern Minnesota that may be affected after damage assessments have been completed.

In addition, I am asking you to contact the U.S. Small Business Administration and request that they evaluate the situation with respect to providing individual assistance for residents of Clay County.

I look forward to your timely response to this request.

Sincerely,



**Collin C. Peterson
Member of Congress**

**cc: Senator Rod Grams
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Kevin Leuer, MN Emergency Management**

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